



**Health & Human Services
Agency
COUNTY OF TULARE
AGENDA ITEM**

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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AGENDA DATE: August 13, 2019 REVISED

Public Hearing Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Published Notice Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advertised Published Notice	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Meet & Confer Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Electronic file(s) has been sent	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Personnel Resolution attached	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Agreements are attached and signature line for Chairman is marked with tab(s)/flag(s)	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>

CONTACT PERSON: Donna Ortiz PHONE: 624-8000

SUBJECT: Approve an agreement with Fox Interpreting, Inc.

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve an agreement with Fox Interpreting, Inc. for interpreting services in the amount not to exceed \$159,300 (\$79,650 per year), retroactive from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2021. This agreement is retroactive due to the delay in negotiating terms. It was impracticable for the Board to take action prior to July 1, 2019 due to the time needed to process, prepare, and submit the agenda item;
2. Find that the Board had the authority to enter into this proposed agreement as of July 1, 2019 and that it was in the County's best interest to enter into the agreement on that date; and
3. Authorize the Chairman of the Board to sign two (2) copies of the agreement.

SUMMARY:

Fox Interpreting, Inc., a Division of Hands on Communication, has been providing quality Sign Language services to the clients of Tulare County Health and Human Services Agency for over ten (10) years. The sign language service is an essential component to effectively serve populations that are deaf and hard of hearing. Utilization is mostly based on identified client needs; however, occasionally the sign language interpreter service is mandated by the courts.

It is anticipated that this contract will provide interpreting services for up to six hundred fifty (650) sessions. This agreement did not include a Request for Proposal

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process because Fox Interpreting, Inc. has been providing quality services for Tulare County consumers for more than ten years. The County aims to continue contracting with this provider to maintain continuity of care and stability, which is integral to mental health services.

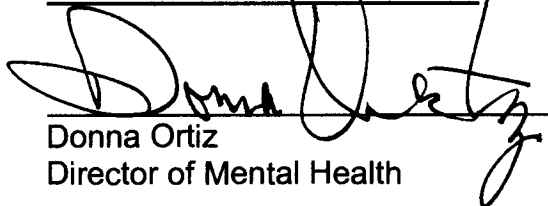
FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

The budgeted costs associated with this contract will be included in the fiscal year 2019/20 requested budget for HHSA in professional services. The maximum amount of this agreement will not exceed \$159,300 (\$79,650 per year) for Fiscal Year 2019-2021. Funding for this agreement comes from various Health and Human Services Branches: Administration, Mental Health, Public Health, TulareWORKs, and In-Home Supportive Services. There is no additional net cost to the County General Fund.

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:

The County's five-year strategic plan includes the Quality of Life Initiative to promote health and well-being for the citizens of Tulare County. This agreement will continue to help fulfill this initiative by providing interpreting services to the deaf and hard of hearing residents of Tulare County through Fox Interpreting, Inc.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:



Donna Ortiz
Director of Mental Health

cc: County Administrative Office

Attachment(s) Agreement

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVE AN) Resolution No. _____
AGREEMENT WITH FOX INTERPRETING,) Agreement No. _____
INC.)
)

UPON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR _____, SECONDED BY
SUPERVISOR _____, THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AT AN OFFICIAL MEETING HELD _____
_____, BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

ATTEST: JASON T. BRITT
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/
CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BY: _____
Deputy Clerk

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